





Rupert James opened his multi-deck layout for viewing by attendees of the Queen City Express convention in Regina. The details, subtle weathering and the photo backdrop all contribute to a very realistic scene. (photo by Rob Badmington)

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## Superintendent's Report - Ed Molenkamp, Supt. 6th Division, President NMRA Canada

#### Greetings everyone

I would like to start by saying how saddened I am to hear about the loss of Tony Lee recently. My condolences to his family and many friends. I had the pleasure of knowing him for some time and enjoyed many conversations at Spring Meets over the years.

Speaking of Spring Meets, the boys in Regina put on a great show this past May long weekend. It was good to see a bunch of the boys and a few gals as well. It was a well-run convention so hopefully we will get back to Regina in the not so distant future.

The Silver Spike Award was awarded to Dave Robinson this year. Congrats Dave! This is a well-deserved award for all the work you have done behind the scenes as Treasurer and Registrar for numerous events.

I believe there is a bid coming in for the 2024 convention as well which is great news.

With summer around the corner the Shows and Meets are done until the fall where there will be a full slate of events. Make sure to check them out and put on your calendar.

## Assistant Superintendent's Report - Rick Astle

As I sit here on June 1st, 2023 a week and a half since attending The Queen City Express in Regina, Saskatchewan, my thoughts and thanks go out to the organizers, the clinicians, the hotel staff and especially to all those who opened their homes so a gang of model railroaders could view their miniature worlds. There was a significant showing of items for the AP committee to review. I think this is a testimony to the efforts of Doug Burton with his Highball! articles over the last several issues. I am inspired to gather details and documents as I complete requirements for several certificates. Will I achieve MMR? I don't know but maybe I am closer than I think, how about you?

In closing remember **June 11, 2023** will be the date of the division's **AGM** to be held via Zoom at 1:00pm CT/MDT. A link to the meeting will be sent out in advance. Hope to see you on line.

## From the Editor – Rob Badmington

It is an unfortunate sign of our times when we must report the passing of another well-known and respected member from our midst. Tony Lee of Lethbridge passed away in April. A more in-depth tribute to Tony is on page 7.

It seems that all of the public model railroad shows that took place in the 6<sup>th</sup> Division recently have been very successful from an attendance point of view. With life coming back to more or less normal after three years of pandemic restrictions, people have been eagerly awaiting the return of our shows. At the same time, organizers have had to plan a bit cautiously, not knowing what to expect. A case in point is SUPERTRAIN, where the Committee booked a reduced overall floor space, and budgeted for an attendance of 6,000. Well, the public came back, essentially doubling that number to just under 12,000. I believe other shows also had great turnouts.

As Doug Johnson reports in this issue, the Queen City Express in Regina was also a great success. Everyone who attended was treated to a smoothly organized event, with an interesting variety of clinics, fabulous layouts to visit, and plenty of socializing throughout the weekend. There are lots of pictures following that capture a bit of what attendees saw and enjoyed on the May long weekend.

## Queen City Express 2023 - Regina, SK – Doug Johnson, Chair



Queen City Express 2023 has come and gone! The annual 6th Division convention held in Regina over the May long weekend was very successful. Thanks are due to all of the registrants – 34 for the convention, 40 for the opening reception and 37 for the banquet. They were treated to a Friday evening reception at Bushwakker Brewpub, clinics on Saturday and Sunday morning, layout tours in Regina on Saturday afternoon and Moose Jaw on Sunday afternoon and a banquet at the convention hotel on Saturday evening.

The clinics were: modelling a CNR electric subsidiary with Trevor Marshall, modelling big trees with Malcolm Anderson, the Achievement Program with Doug Burton, building with styrene with Bill Yancey (all the way from Boise, Idaho!), historical freelancing with Bill Stahl, and airbrushing with Jeff Betcher. All of the clinicians were well prepared and the sessions engendered lots of comments and questions from the attendees.

The layout tours included nine railways and displays, with scales of N, HO, Hon3, On30 and O. All had been lovingly and painstakingly prepared for the convention. Nothing like a deadline to encourage modelling activity! Many thanks to Bill Stahl, Rupert James, Tyler Smith, Ian McIntosh, Doug Johnson, Malcolm Anderson, Sim Nation, Larry Dickinson and the Thunder Creek club for opening their homes and locations for the tours. There were many models on display in the hotel meeting room, including structures, trestles, a sternwheeler, rolling stock, and locomotives. Some of them were available for achievement program assessment. Many people commented that this was the largest number of display models that they had seen at a divisional convention in quite a while. Thanks to all of the participants who brought their models to show.

The after- dinner speaker at the Saturday banquet was Trevor Marshall from Saskatoon. Trevor is an experienced public speaker, model railroader, blogger and author. He gave a very thought-provoking address on the future of model railroading. Trevor has posted a summary of his thoughts on his blog at

<u>themodelrailwaydotshow.wordpress.com</u>. That is well worth a visit.

The convention would not have been possible without the participation of many volunteers. My thanks go out to the organizing group. Committee chairs included:

Ian McIntosh – facilities and meals Rupert James – webmaster and registrar Jeff Betcher – clinics Doug Johnson – treasurer Ron Coburn – layout tours Jim McCowan – vice-chair

All of these individuals, and others, put a lot of time and effort into arranging the convention activities.

And finally, many thanks to all of the registrants for their energy and enthusiasm. We were pleased to be able to host the event. See you all next year!

Doug Johnson Chair

## Achievement Program Report - Doug Burton, 6th Division, PNR AP Chair

The modelling talents of the PNR 6th Div continue to be recognized.

Doug Johnson, Regina SK, Merit Structures On30 bridge Ron Hillis, Camrose AB, Golden Spike Craig Mykylyzyn, Saskatoon SK, Golden Spike Ron Symes, Stettler AB, Golden Spike Rupert James, Regina SK, Golden Spike Rupert James, Regina SK, Scenery, Civil, and Electrical Certificates Malcolm Anderson, Regina SK, Structures Certificate Dave Audley, Calgary AB, Cars - 2 merit awards Andy Hockin, Calgary AB, Motive Power merit award There are some names not on the list because I have not received their NMRA membership information. If you have not received your award, send me an email with your NMRA # and expiry date please so it can be addressed.

Greg King of Regina SK has joined the team of Golden Spike assessors. Malcolm Anderson of Regina SK has joined the team as Structure assessor. Thanks to both of them.

I was at the booth for the Moose Jaw train show along with Peter Ulvestad, Ed Molenkamp and Fred Headon. Fred and I did an assessment for Structures on a bridge for Doug Johnson of Regina. We also completed a bunch of Golden Spike assessments during the show and signed up more members for the NMRA.

Dennis Dreher and Peter Ulvestad were at the NMRA booth at SUPERTRAIN in Calgary and signed up a Golden Spike along with Dale Sproule who also did one of the Golden Spike assessments.

Peter Ulvestad and I were at the NMRA booth at the Regina Railfest show where our team of assessors added more Golden Spike assessments. If you don't have an NMRA membership not a problem, we can get you signed up. We also arranged for an AP assessment on Scenery, Civil, and Electrical for Rupert James while in Regina. Jeff Betcher and I did an AP assessment for Structures for Malcolm Anderson on a bridge.

I was also at the Queen City Express meet May long weekend in Regina. There were many interesting items there for the Show and Tell table, one from as far away as Idaho. A very big thank you to those of you who brought something for the Show and Tell table. We also had 11 AP assessments to do on Structures, Cars and Motive Power. Thanks to Dale Sproule and Jeff Betcher for assisting with these assessments. We did 5 structures for Malcolm Anderson which now gets him his Certificate for Structures. We also did 2 AP assessments for Motive Power and 4 AP assessments for Cars

I did a clinic on AP and answered some questions. All the AP categories were covered. You will be able to review this information as I do continue to explain one AP category in each issue of Highball!. If you get an assessment done in person there is less paperwork. So please feel free to contact me for any of this information.

#### The PNR 6<sup>th</sup> Div AP Team Assessors

Doug Wingfield MMR, Lethbridge Dale Sproule MMR, Calgary Roger Walker MMR, Calgary Raymond Clifford MMR, Edmonton Doug Burton MMR, Edmonton/Camrose/Alberta/Saskatchewan Greg Orme, Calgary Dennis Dreher, Edmonton Area, Electrical, Scenery, Civil Jeff Betcher, Regina, Structures, Electrical, Scenery, Civil Rupert James, Regina, Electrical, Scenery, Civil Malcolm Anderson, Regina, Structures Peter Ulvestad, Scenery, Civil, Electrical, Golden Spike, Edmonton/Alberta/Saskatchewan - he is everywhere. Doug Hunter, Regina, Golden Spike, Proper Railway Terminology Greg King, Regina, Golden Spike Dale Armstrong, Golden Spike Cal Sexsmith, Saskatoon, Golden Spike Craig Mykylyzyn, Saskatoon, Golden Spike

A big thank you to all of them as it makes my job way easier. They all have earned a spot on this list.

I am also looking for people to put on clinics for GETS in the NMRA room and we are also looking for people to man the NMRA booth. If you create a clinic you get points toward Author once for building it. You would then get points toward Volunteer each time you present it.

We are also looking in to having more hands-on clinics and prototype events this winter in Edmonton. More information to come in the fall.

This month I will cover AP Cars. **Black** is copied from the NNRA, **red** is my comments and **blue** is important to know.

## <u>Cars</u>

I had a question about the 2 foot rule when doing assessments on a model and why we were looking closer at some of the models. When looking at a model we have a pretty good idea within a couple of minutes if it is going to pass or not. We always ask permission before we handle a model. There is always a concern with holding a model at arms-length as it introduces the possibility of dropping it so we really limit picking up the model, but sometimes it is necessary to look under the model, especially for Cars and Motive Power. It is easier to see the build straightness and lettering from 2 feet away. Nowadays with cameras on our cell phones, a modeller should be taking lots of pictures as they progress through the modelling, and when it is complete. You will be able to see things in the pictures you do not notice with the naked eye and can correct them before we see it. And remember not to point out flaws to us, let us find them. Special circumstances exist and on a structure that we can't handle you will see us using a mirror or a phone to see the back side. You will also see us using a light at times because it is just easier to see details at our age with more light. In the future I intend to carry a turntable that we can put the model on and give it a spin. We will still have to get on our knees to see straight on but for a lot of us kneeling can be difficult on the old joints!

Some of the cars could not be assessed for AP because they were kits and were not scratch built but we were asked to give feedback on them.

Distance evaluation: From here on in we have enough evaluators in Edmonton, Calgary and Regina for Structures, Civil, Electrical and Scenery so there should be much less judging from a distance. For Cars and Motive Power we will still have to do some distance evaluations. If it is determined that we need a distance evaluation completed then I will coach you on what I want for pictures and how to take them. We will NOT be zooming in so close that we can read the N scale data on a car or see a .005" gap. On one of my cars the end data was messed up and the evaluators could not read the data but could tell that one end was upside down because the short line was on top on the one end. It happens to the best of us.

If you ever have questions when we are doing an assessment, please ask for input once we are done.

A "Car" is just about anything that runs on rails and is NOT self-propelled (if it's self-propelled, it is Motive Power). This includes freight cars, passenger cars, maintenance of way cars (including equipment such as cranes), cabooses, cable cars, unpowered (dummy) locomotives, etc. Actually, if you have a model which is self-propelled, but is a model of something that was designed to carry something (besides itself), such as a rail car, it can be used as one of the qualifying models for either Motive Power or Cars, BUT NOT BOTH.

• You must build eight operable scale models of railroad cars:

"Operable" means that they must be able to roll on the track, negotiate a curve, be pulled by something, etc. It

doesn't mean that every door, valve, or other moving feature of the car must work as the prototype does. (However, any operating features that you can include in your car are likely to increase your score.)

• There must be at least four different types of cars represented in the total of eight. One of these must be a passenger car.

The intent of this requirement is to show that you can model a variety of types of cars, not just several variations of the same type. For example: a 40' steel-side box car and a 36' wood side reefer would be different types of cars, but a 40' steel-side box car and a 50' steel-side box car probably would not (unless you can show that there was a substantial difference in what it took to build them). Similarly, a wood deck flat car and a steel deck flat car would not be considered "different" types of cars, but a regular flat car and a depressed centre flat car would, because it is a substantially different type of car to build.

"Passenger cars" include anything that would normally be found in a regular scheduled passenger train including baggage cars, express reefers, business cars, or other passenger carrying cars like drover's cabooses. One of my cars is a horse car.

Remember, it is only four different types that are required: you could build a set of five identical passenger coaches, a box car, a tank car, and a gondola, and satisfy the requirement.

• Each of the eight models must be <u>super detailed</u> with either commercial parts or scratch built parts. When looking for ways to super detail your cars, brake wheels, grab irons and ladders are good places to start – particularly by replacing the "moulded on" ones that the car came with. That's where many judges start looking. Another area that many judges look for is the under-frame brake gear.

• In addition to being super detailed, at least four of the eight models must be scratch built. The term "scratch built" implies that the modeller has done all of the necessary layout and fabrication that produce the final dimensions, appearance, and operating qualities of the model.

This is a good statement of the intent and spirit of the "scratch built" requirement. Notice that it does NOT say that the use of a few commercial detail parts will disqualify the model as being "scratch built". In general, the same standard applies that in used in contest judging: "Completely Scratch Built" means that 90% or more of the model was scratch built.

The following parts are specifically excluded from the scratch built requirement:

- Wheels
- Couplers
- Light bulbs & electronics.
- Trucks.
- Brake fittings.
- Marker lights & drumheads.
- Paint, decals, etc.
- Basic shapes of wood, plastic, metal, etc.

("Basic shapes" are things that the builders of the prototype would have used as raw materials. For example, an "I" beam would be a basic shape; a commercial door or window casting would not.)

Something that you should remember if the idea of 'scratch building' intimidates you: There is very little difference between scratch building and building most craftsman kits. The big difference is that in a kit, the manufacturer has assembled the materials that you will need for you. Only the construction needs to be done from scratch. If you take someone else's plans and instructions (even those from a kit) and go to the hobby shop and buy the materials yourself and assemble them, that qualifies as scratch building. On the other hand, if you do develop your own plans, make sure that you tell the judges that, as it will earn you extra points.

• You must earn a score of at least 87-1/2 points on four of the eight models in either an NMRA sponsored contest or in AP Merit Award judging.

Note that only four of the eight must earn 87-1/2 points. The others don't even have to be assessed! They do all have to be described on the Statement of Qualification (see below). These can be any kit including resin

• You must submit a Statement of Qualification (see SOQ below), which includes the following:

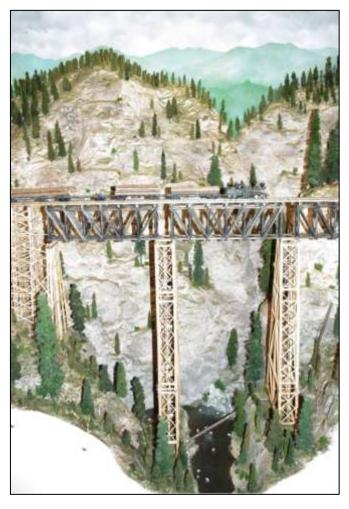
• An attachment giving a detailed description of each of the eight models, including: If you are present for the assessment you can just explain it, but I would make notes so you do not forget anything.

- Identification of all scratch built features
- All commercial components used
- Materials used in building the model
- If the model is a kit, whose kit is it?
- Verification of the Merit Awards (photocopies of the certificates)
- Photos of the model are helpful, though not required.

Remember that your eight cars do not have to be from the same era, or part of the country. They don't even have to be the same scale. You also don't have to earn your four Merit Award certificates at the same time - you can earn one this year, another two years from now, and another the year after that.

# Anthony 'Tony' Lee

We are sad to report on the death of NMRA Life Member Tony Lee of Lethbridge in April. He was one of the most influential members of the 6th Division of PNR in the NMRA and his leadership inspired many others in the Model Railroad fraternity to greater things than they would otherwise have accomplished.



He was a former Superintendent of the 6th Division and Highball editor as well. He was chairman of the PNR Regional Convention in Lethbridge in 1986 as well as many other 6th Division meets here.

He was a founding member of the Southern Alberta Model Railroad Club in Lethbridge in 1972 and was instrumental in getting the club established in its current location in Gyro Park through his negotiations with the City of Lethbridge. He inspired the efforts of the club members at the time to physically build the original building between the two washrooms in the park and led the efforts for the two expansion projects just completed in the last couple of years.

His modelling skills were unsurpassed with the construction of the Bear Creek Trestle - see photo. The focus of his modelling was based upon logging operations on Vancouver Island where he was born and his Lenora and Mount Sicker logging railroad reflected that theme.

Tony spent countless hours researching the Bear Creek Trestle on Vancouver Island and this is the result. Thousands of nut bolt washer castings on this.

Thank you, Tony, for all you have done for the hobby, you will be missed.

# Area Reports

## Lethbridge - Paul Smith

The Southern Alberta Model Railway Club has been busy with our HO and N scale layouts. We are discussing operating plans for both layouts and hope to begin trying various options over the summer months. Work continues with scenery and structures, particularly around the harbour area on the HO layout. Our N scale group plans to review their layout with an eye to making major improvements in track arrangements, scenery and operating interest.

Things will likely be slowing down at the club for the summer months, but we will still be holding Tuesday evening meetings. Highball readers who happen to be in Lethbridge are welcome to join us in Gyro Park as of 1900 hours.

## Calgary – Dale Sproule

SUPERTRAIN 2023 occurred on April 15/16 in Calgary after a long absence. Public attendance was 11,600. There will probably be a SUPERTRAIN report in this issue. (Nope, this is it. ed.)

I fully enjoyed the "Queen City Express", 6<sup>th</sup> Division Spring Meet in Regina. It was one day short of the traditional meets that I have attended but none the less successful. A report will probably be found in this edition (Yup! ed.)so no sense repeating the details here. I had the pleasure of judging entries into the NMRA Achievement Program along with Doug Burton from Camrose, our AP Director. First, I counted 29 models that were put on display, probably most were just for display purposes. Regarding the AP program entries, both Doug and myself thank the modelers for entering their work into the AP Program. I am most encouraged that so many people brought models out to the meet. Malcolm Anderson received 5 merit awards, Dave Audley from Calgary received 2 and Andy Hockin from Calgary received one. Judging went over 2 days of 2 hours each. Dave sat in on the process of evaluation learning first-hand what the judges were looking for and it was nice to have Dave on hand to answer questions instead of referring to paperwork. Dave was more than happy with the results and comments and he will say that he learned a lot from listening to the judging process which will carry over to his next AP entries. For those NMRA members considering getting into the AP program: we all say that we are proud of our work but when convention time rolls around those models stay home. Don't ask me, I have brought at least one model to any convention even just for display and while your model is just for display, you might as well enter it into the AP program.

PLEASE: COMPLETE YOUR PAPERWORK BEFORE YOU ARRIVE AT THE MEET. I guarantee from experience that no matter how good your memory is,you will forget details that you want to put onto the AP paperwork. Then you arrive at the meet and get caught up in everything and after the judging has finished and perhaps you have earned a merit award you will kick yourself for not filling out the paperwork before the meet.

Thought you might find this entertaining. Also good news.The Cranbrook Railway Museum has been successful in getting a \$1M grant for the second phase of the trainshed. Combined with two other grants, they will be able to complete the platforms and cover the remaining cars on tracks 1 and 2, finally giving protection for the railcar collection. I'm looking forward to a tarp removal ceremony some time next year.

CENTRAL HOBBIES (Vancouver) is happy to announce a new store, Intercity Trains and Hobbies located at 19965 96 Ave, Langley, BC. They will be selling Central Hobbies stock as well as new stock and European models. Kathy and Bill will be moving to the new store. We hope for a soft launch in August and all going well a full official opening the second weekend of September (9th). The Burnaby Central Railway has invited Central Hobbies customers and friends to a retirement party to thank Hal, Kathy and Bill for their many excellent years serving our model railroad community. A BBQ burger or smokie dinner will be served from 5 pm-6:30 pm for \$20.00 per person (pre-ordering required. The BBQ will be available for those wishing to cook their own dinner. RSVP is required by June 25. Further details are seen on the Central Hobbies web site.

The Calgary calendar of events is starting to fill up. See the Events page at the back of this issue.

## Edmonton – Peter Ulvestad

In May, the EMRA gave special recognition to Mark Johnson for over 60 years of service. Mark joined the EMRA in 1962 as a teenager and has been an active member ever since. Mark is a great ambassador for the club when it comes to promoting the EMRA and model railroading in Edmonton.

The annual MMRF BBQ is scheduled for Friday 23 June 2023 at the Deville North Cooking Lake Hall just east of Sherwood Park. Free Burgers and dogs, bring your own lawn chair. Family friendly and there are usually lots of trains to see going both ways. 1600ish to 2200ish.

The MMRF will host its next Greater Edmonton Train Show (GETS) on September 9 and 10. The venue continues to be Millennium Place in Sherwood Park . The Fall MMRF Swap Meet is scheduled for October 21.

## Olds - Didsbury - Carstairs - Rick Astle

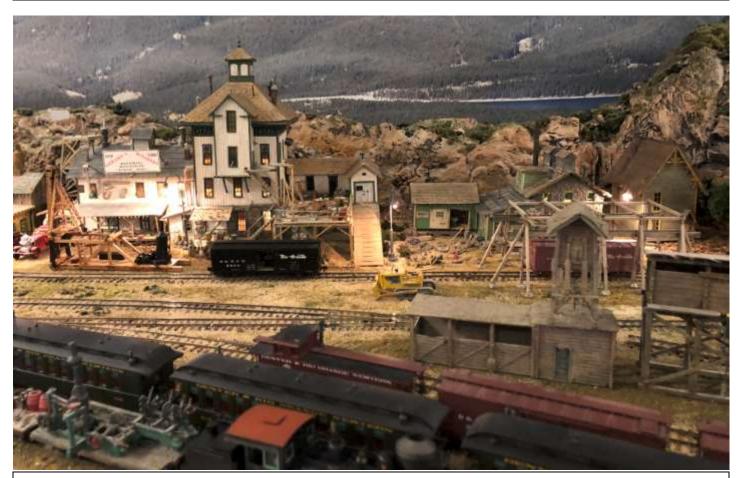
The Mountain View Model Railroad Club continues to host visitors to the Didsbury Museum and show off our HO scale layout on the second floor as well as the outdoor Garden Railroad, both of which help us tell the story of rail in Central Alberta and the founding of the many communities along the right of way. We also encourage visitors to operate the trains and are always looking for new members to share our passion with. The museum is now open summer hours which means the trains are available and running on Saturday from 10am to 4pm and Sunday from 1 to 4pm. We can also host small groups, just call Rick at (403) 507-3314 cell or (403) 556-8121 evenings to arrange a specific time.

## Photos from the Queen City Express (photos by Rob Badmington unless otherwise noted)





Malcolm Anderson (on left) displayed a couple of his Free-Mo modules in Doug Johnson's garage, giving visitors three layout to visit at one address. (photo by Doug Johnson)



The Coyote Pines Lumber and Navigation Company is an HOn3 layout built by Sim Nation, and is highly detailed with dozens of craftsman kit and scratchbuilt structures, rock castings, lighting, and a photo mural backdrop.



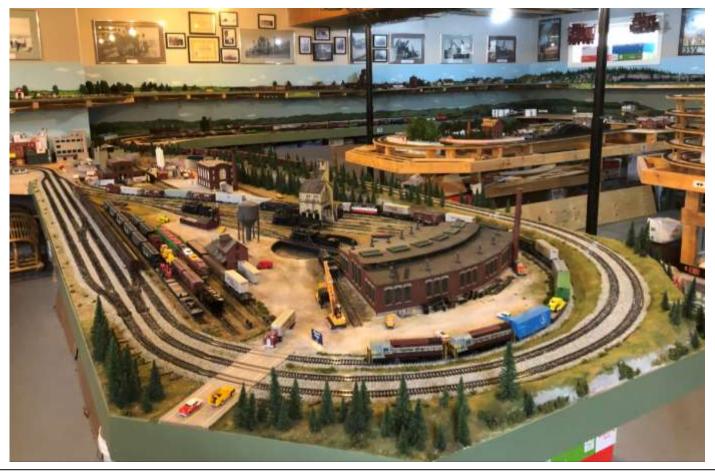
Doug Johnson's Hon3 Alice Arm Railway portrays a remote mining and logging railway on the Northern BC Coast. This highly detailed steam excavator awaits its next assignment on a short spur.



The South Park and Western RR is an On30 layout set in central Colorado, built by Bill Stahl. It is double deck and depicts the railroad serving the mining industry at high elevations where winter comes early. Brrrr!



Rupert James demonstrates his two level, vertically pivoting, entry gate that spans the entrance to his layout room. It features hydraulic dampers, and interlocking smash boards to prevent keep-alive equipped locomotives from plummeting into the abyss.



Ian McIntosh has built a large partially double deck layout depicting CP in the transition era. Ian comes from a multigeneration CPR family, hence the layout name, "My Heritage Model Railroad."



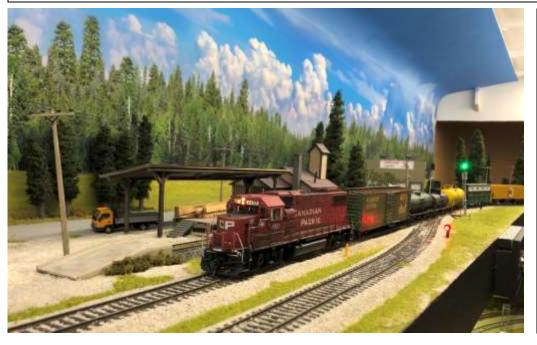
Tyler Smith's Montana & Wyoming is a double deck modular N scale layout set in the period 1947 – 1955. Classic streamliners like Northern Pacific's North Coast Limited and Milwaukee Road's Olympian Hiawatha roam the rails.



Bill Yancey of Boise, Idaho presented a clinic on "The Essentials of Building With Styrene" and brought with him several of his O scale scratchbuilt models, including this caboose. Bill has modelled CP / Soo for many years.



The Pacific & Great Western is an O scale layout built by Larry Dickinson in the basement of his home north of Moose Jaw. His attention to detail is well known from his modular Mexicali Grande layout which Larry has displayed at numerous model railroad shows around the Division. Here we see the maintenance of way crew finishing the day with their speeder on the take-off stand beside their toolhouse.



This photo of Rupert James' layout shows the very effective way he has coved his backdrop up to the ceiling, as well as the beautiful photo mural of trees and dramatic cloud formations. The deck here is actually very narrow.

## Upcoming Events in and near the 6<sup>th</sup> Division

See all the PNR events and our most recent additions at www.pnr.nmra.org

# Remember June 11, 2023 will be the date of the division's AGM to be held via Zoom at 1:00pm CT/MDT.

## June 23 (Fri), Deville / North Cooking Lake, AB

Annual Social BBQ & Trainspotting outing at the Deville / North Cooking Lake Hall sponsored by the MMRF. Come join us for some food, drink, socializing, and train-spotting. Open to the public, from 4pm till 10pm. <u>Annual Social BBQ & Trainspotting | Mainline Model Railroaders Fellowship (mmrf.ab.ca)</u>

## Aug 7 (Mon), Saskatoon, SK

Railway Heritage Day at the Saskatchewan Railway Museum from 10 am to 5 pm. There will be a Food Truck, Caboose Rides, Demonstrations and a Show & Shine along with the regular Museum activities. Regular admission fees apply. \$7 for adults, \$5 for students, under 6 FREE. Visit the Museum's website at <u>www.saskrailmuseum.org</u>

#### Sept 9-10, (Sat-Sun), Calgary, AB

Heritage Park's Railway Days. 10 am to 5 pm. The extraordinary rail collection takes centre stage for two days with demonstrations, hands-on activities, and exciting exhibits. Regular park admission prices.

## Sept 9-10, (Sat-Sun), Sherwood Park, AB

2023 Great Edmonton Model Train Show, 10 AM - 5 PM, Millennium Place, 2000 Premier Way in Sherwood Park. Admission \$10, \$5 for youth 16 and under - children 4 and under FREE Layouts, displays, clinics, dealers and LEGO!

## Oct 14, (Sat), Calgary, AB

42nd Annual Boomer Auction, Sponsored by South Bank Short Lines, (<u>www.sbsltrains.ca</u>) St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 703 Heritage Dr. SW. Setup and viewing 08:30am, dining car opens 09:30 am, auction starts at 10:00am.

## Oct 15, (Sun) Calgary, AB

CMRS Fall Mini Meet and AGM, Clinics, Show & Tell. The highlight will be participating in the CMRS Peanut Butter Lid Challenge. The idea is to build a scenic element or diorama on top of a Peanut Butter Lid! More information at <u>The</u> <u>Calgary Model Railway Society</u>

## Oct 21 (Sat), Edmonton, AB

MMRF Fall Swap Meet: Central Lion's Senior Citizens Recreation Centre 11113 113 St. 9AM-1PM, Admission \$3.00 Vendor Tables: \$25.00 Info:- Ric Francoeur, <a href="mailto:swapmeet@mmrf.ca">swapmeet@mmrf.ca</a>Ph. 780-458-1032 <a href="mailto:www.mmrf.ab.ca">www.mmrf.ab.ca</a>

## Nov 10, (Fri) Calgary, AB

CMRS Slide Night: Looking for presenters for the next slide night at the River Park Church. Please contact Barry Crispin. <u>The Calgary Model Railway Society</u>